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Freshmen deposits lower than normal

EMILY SCHMITT *KNIGHTLIFE EDITOR*

Housing deposits for incoming students are down from last year, but Todd Coleman, assistant vice president for admissions, said he's not alarmed.

Admissions did not release specific numbers, but Coleman said he expects the number of deposits to increase to the level they were at last year in the coming months.

Coleman said the slower rate of deposits this year is due to delay of Iowa Tuition Grants, extensions on taxes due to flooding and the economy.

"I think it's pretty much what we are seeing industry-wide, at all colleges," Coleman said. "People are just being more discerning this year. There are so many factors that have gone into delaying the process."

Housing deposits are used to gauge the size of the incoming class.

"In past years, by May or June, we might have had our class for the fall. This year, it's going to be a summer-long process," he said.

In addition, Coleman said financial aid letters were postponed two to three weeks because of a delay in awarding Iowa Tuition Grants. He said this affected all private institutions in Iowa.

Iowa Tuition Grants are given to

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Amanda Gahler/*TRUMPET*

UNI student Larissa Pray addresses those attending a rally in support of the Iowa Supreme Court decision regarding same-sex marriage Friday on the UNI campus. Pray said it meant a lot to her to be from a state that reached an unanimous decision in favor of same-sex marriage.

Iowa recalls marriage ban

State Supreme Court ruling allows for same-sex marriage

LUKE SHANNO *EDITOR-IN-CHIEF*

The Iowa Supreme Court ruled in an unanimous decision that a state statute limiting civil marriage to the union of a man and woman unconstitutional Friday, deciding that the law violated the equal protection clause of the Constitution.

As a result of the decision, Iowa becomes the third state in the country to allow same-sex marriages, joining Connecticut and Massachusetts.

"It really has nothing to do with gay marriage. It has to do with providing legal rights to people and discriminating in providing those other rights to other people," Jeff Stein, professor of media law, said.

"You have to separate the institution of marriage as a religious, moral or ethical bond from the institution of marriage as a legal bond. Legally, it is simply a contract. You get certain privileges awarded by the government according to that contract."

After the ruling, there were mixed emotions around the state.

"It reaffirms Iowa's idea of fairness. Iowa has a longstanding

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Forum held to discuss Project Orange

ASHLEY EVANS *STAFF WRITER*

Students got the chance to have their voice heard as they met with Wartburg professors, faculty and administration to ask questions based on the platform of the student-led initiative, "Outfly for a Cause."

Tuition, student involvement in administrative committees and student rating of instruction forms were the topics discussed at the Project Orange forum held Thursday by student senate and the Wartburg administration.

"I think that our overall goal was to bring students, faculty and administration together in one room to talk about some of these issues," Abhay Nadipuram, student body vice president said, "and I think that goal was reached."

Amanda Gahler/*TRUMPET*

Interim President William Hamm and Student Body President Travis Bockenstedt acted as moderators for the Project Orange forum. Students, faculty and staff were encouraged to share their concerns.

The main focus of the forum was how tuition, the college budget and financial aid were correlated and how it affects students.

Hamm said the price of tuition is distorted because most students get financial aid packages from the college, which substantially lowers the advertised price.

Even with the scholarships, Hamm said the price is still high but the solutions to lower the price

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Senate allocation decisions upset some organizations

ELLEN KURT *ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR*

Student senate decided to scale back this year when handing out allocations.

Instead of giving out $35,000 in allocations, they gave out $30,000. Treasurer-elect Justin Erickson said it was a combination of factors.

"The decision to give out less was based off of a consensus from budget review committee, it was something I really pushed for being treasurer next year. I think the reason we did that is the budget at Wartburg is really uncertain right now. . . We wanted to cut down a little bit with the economic times," Erickson said.

Many groups across campus are receiving much less than they expected. One of those groups is Alliance. Two years ago, they received $2,000, but senate gave the group only $450 for next year.

"We'll have to do more planning ahead and scale back on spending," Alliance President Stephen Huff said.

Erickson said the reason why Alliance received less was due to the college charging to use Neumann Auditorium.

"We don't want to give out funding for that until we talk to the college about why they are doing that. We have never been charged for Neumann, why are we being charged now? . . . That was the main reason their funding was less, because their drag show was a significant part of their request," Erickson said.

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Service Trips receive largest allocation sum

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He said once they find out the reasons, they would like to work out a deal so nobody has to be charged for Neumann and that could save significant money for senate and Alliance.

"This scaling down will not be detrimental to the group," Huff said. "We will have to re-work some things, but Alliance will still be here."

Any college-sponsored group could have applied for allocations on March 26. They were required to fill out an application and then schedule a meeting with senate. The group then sends a representative to the meeting, usually the treasurer or president, and they speak for a few minutes about their request.

Erickson said the budget review committee and the president and president-elect get to question them about other things in regard to what the money is going to be used for and what they have done in the past.

There is brief discussion among the budget review committee as to what would be appropriate and what they can give out based on budget constraints and then they allocate the money.

The most money given out was $11,000 to service groups. Erickson said this was based on precedent in the most recent years. He said service trips always have a large operating budget.

"We feel they are such a great organization and there are so many people involved. They always use the money well," Erickson said.

Erickson said he has not heard much negative feedback, mostly compliments and thank yous, but if any group has any concerns or has something they would like to ask about the allocations, he would be happy to address that.

"If groups are disappointed, we would love to hear, because we are always looking to improve."

Huff said Alliance is still looking to work with senate next year for funding and resources.

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Student Senate plans to hold forums in the future

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further are complex.

"Is [tuition] too expensive? We all think it is. So do you. So does every college student, so does every faculty member, so does every legislator in America," he said.

Hamm said the college receives its money from tuition, gifts and the endowment. Because the economy is tight, he said, Wartburg's budget is as well.

Vice president for enrollment management Edie Waldstein said financial aid given to students doesn't go up with rising tuition, because it was already factored into their original scholarship.

Aaron DeLong wasn't convinced the college was helping students as much as possible.

"I feel like if you treat us like an investment as much as we treat the college like an investment, that could lead to many positive things at this college in the future," he said.

The role of students was also discussed.

In order to help the college save money and lower their budget, students need to actively participate in events like the Sustainability Challenge, Deb Loers, dean of students, said.

Loers said it is important to not only participate, but also continuously follow through.

The next step for senate is to set up sub-committees focusing on the different issues of Project Orange and finding the best way to involve students, faculty and administration, Nadipuram said.

He said senate plans on holding more forums in the future and will communicate better with the students so they are prepared to bring their concerns and questions.

Although the time constraint of the forum held senate and students back from discussing everything planned, Nadipuram said he thought it was beneficial.

"I honestly think that there's more we could have done with it, but it's a start. It's a really good start," he said.

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Performa consultant Kevin Rolling talks with students about their firm's master plan for the future of student housing. Consultants visited campus to receive feedback on Performa's housing ideas.

Performa to deliver final report

JACKIE ALBRECHT *NEWS EDITOR*

Performa consultants were on campus the week of March 23 to deliver preliminary ideas on a student housing master plan and will deliver their final report within the next week, Vice President of Administration Gary Grace said.

Performa, a higher education consulting firm that has been working with Wartburg since January, came to campus to receive comments from students, faculty, staff and administration on Performa's improvement ideas for student housing.

"They wanted some feedback from us. . . We pretty much know what they are going to suggest," Grace said.

Grace said Performa offered many ways for Wartburg to make student housing feel more like home because this was a top concern for many students.

"While [students] are certainly concerned with good-quality restrooms and showers they weren't as important as we thought they might be," Grace said.

Once Performa delivers the final report to Wartburg, Grace said the student housing committee will get together to make sure all of their comments are included and send it to the board for review.

"The board knows student housing is something we need to look at. . . It's a big enough project at some point that we need to plan carefully enough for it. This will be the first kind of take at what kinds of things we might need to consider," Grace said.

Student committee member Trevor Carolan said the preliminary ideas from Performa are thorough.

"Performa's overall proposal is one that has been well thought out by the group and the best interests of the students at Wartburg were taken into account."

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Student wins prestigous national scholarship

EMILY SCHMITT *KNIGHTLIFE EDITOR*

James Juett has been selected as one of 278 students nationwide to receive the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship for the '09-'10 academic year.

The Goldwater Scholarship is given to undergraduate sophomores and juniors pursuing a career in mathematics, science or engineering. Juett is a computer science and mathematics major and physics minor.

"The Goldwater Scholarship is one where having the honor of the scholarship is as valuable as the money, in some respects," Juett said. "It's nice to have that on your resume which, for me, was the motivation for applying."

Juett submitted an essay outlining potential research in his field.

"Mine was, basically, about using neural networks to create a software that simulates the mapping between a virtual musical instrument and the actual sound that is produced by computer," he said.

Juett applied after Brian Birgen encouraged him. Birgen is responsible for recruiting applicants for graduate scholarships.

"He has been doing active research...that I thought would play well on a Goldwater application. He's a strong student," Birgen said.

After graduating next year, Juett plans to attend graduate school.

In the 21-year history of the Goldwater Scholarship, Birgen is aware of only two other Wartburg students to receive the honor.

"I think it shows that we can produce high caliber students at this school," Birgen said.

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My four pillars of the Wartburg experience

LUKE SHANNO *EDITOR IN CHIEF*

We all know that we came to college for an education. As much as you may or may not want to admit that, you did. I will argue though that your experiences in college shape you and your future just as much, if not more than your classes.

Because of this, I've established my own 'four pillars of the Wartburg experience.' I don't know if these are pillars, or more like challenges, but either way, I hope they mean something to each of you.

Be an involved member of the campus community –

Whether it's senate, service trips, athletics, performing arts, or any of the other numerous activities or organizations that you can be a part of, get involved and make a difference.

My time in campus organizations has taught me so many life lessons and has prepared me for a career past my college years.

Continue to be engaged and challenge norms –

If Project Orange taught us one thing, it is the student voice is important. The challenge to future generations of students is continue to be engaged.

Do not disrespect the institution or the administration and what they are doing, but do not be afraid to voice concerns. Our college, city, state and country would not be where they are today if not for people before us who challenged the norm.

Value the opportunities–

I was going to title this section 'Don't Complain,' but that seemed too harsh.

So often, I hear about the negative things about the school, or about certain issues. Going back to number two, stand up and share concerns. But if you aren't going to stand up and be the change, don't complain about it.

I think that no matter how sour some individuals may get about certain issues, I think that by the time they are donning the mortarboard and gown, they have put the issues behind them and feel proud about their accomplishments. Appreciate what you have done, and what the college has done for you.

This item is last for a reason… Cherish the friendships and relationships –

I wish I had adopted this idea much earlier.

I have met some great friends during my senior year. Maybe because the classes before me had graduated, maybe because more of us were more involved at this point, or maybe I finally was able to open up to others whom I wasn't familiar with before.

Regardless, I wish I had built these friendships long ago, because I feel that time is running so short. I still have my closest group of friends from college, but my senior year experiences have given me the opportunity to meet a plethora of people.

Please don't make the same mistake I did. You will carry friendships with you wherever you go, so appreciate them.

At this point, I would be remiss to not thank this year's Trumpet staff for their extreme dedication and hard work to produce this publication. To the other seniors on staff, I'm glad I could share this experience with you guys.

To those who will be returning next year, best of luck – I know you will take this publication to great places.

To my colleagues, the graduating class of 2009, best of luck in your future endeavors. Remember, it isn't about where you've been, but it's about where you're going and I wish you nothing but the best.

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What's Your Take?

Are you a fan of reality television? Why or why not?

Adam Polaski

"I'm not a big fan of reality TV, it's just too much drama, I'm not a big fan of drama."

Megan Kingery

"Some of it is alright. It's mainly completely ridiculous, so I guess it's kind of fun to watch."

Matt Brunsvold

"I have no interest in watching that. It's just stupid people being stupid."

Stuff no one knows: my last random column

ANDREW NOSTVICK *OP/ED EDITOR*

Wouldn't you know it, we've reached my final column for the OP/ED page this year.

What better way to finish up the year than to write ANOTHER RANDOM THOUGHTS COLUMN!

Thought No. 1- My Shammies are shamed by ShamWow guy!

By now I'm sure you've heard about the incident involving ShamWow pitchman Vince Shlomi.

For those who haven't, according to the Smoking Gun, Shlomi was arrested for a felony battery charge after having a scuffle with a prostitute at a nightclub in Miami.

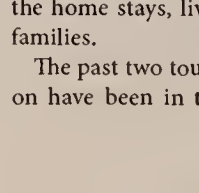
The situation has brought nothing but shame to my Shammies (Shammies, ShamWow's, what's the difference?)

It casts a shadow over these absorbant towels. Darn you Vince! I'm not sure I can buy the Slap Chop now.

Thought No. 2- The planets

Does anybody know how much planetariums spent removing Pluto from the solar system?

Better question, how is Pluto doing away from the solar system?



Being removed from the solar system is like being removed from the Rat Pack.

For Pluto's sake, it should get work, even if it's on a Lifetime network movie.

Thought No. 3- Metallica's in, but why not KISS?

Metallica finally made it's way into the Rock 'N' Roll Hall of Fame and rightfully so.

But what about the other rock bands, like Rush, The E Street Band, etc.?

While it might be nice to induct Run-DMC, Madonna or Michael Jackson, we can't forget the fact that it's a Hall of Fame involving rock.

Thought No. 4- Top five bands singers' who should already be in the Hall

I'll randomize it though, in order to avoid bias. Props go to FutureRockLegends.com for list of artists.

First, the Big Bopper should be inducted. If Buddy Holly and Ritchie Valens get in, so should the Bopper.

Second is Tina Turner. She's already in once for her duo with Ike. However, Turner is phenomenal as a solo artist.

Third is Electric Lights Orchestra. They've had a lot of good hits. Fourth is Barry White and fifth is KISS. Of course, I'm leaving off many other acts, which sucks a lot.

Thought No. 5- My farewell to seniors

I want to take this opportunity to offer my farewell to the seniors at Wartburg.

Soon you will graduate and enter the working world. You have the chance to go out and make something of yourself.

I hope nothing but the best for the graduating class of 2009. Give em hell!

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Brazil: A May term trip to enjoy

SPENCER ALBERS
THE CIRCUIT MANAGER

I love traveling. The chance to meet new people and experience new cultures is all part of the adventure.

In less than 20 days, I will embark on my journey.

Brazil is calling my name.

I have been waiting to board the plane for a year and a half, and now it is so close but it seems less real than it ever has.

For so long, I could imagine myself sitting on the beaches of Rio or trekking through the rainforest. Right now, I can only think of the projects I need to finish and the papers I must write.

That is why this trip is so needed. I have become so focused on the daily grind that the near future feels like fantasy.

I am traveling as part of the Castle Singers International Tour.

We will be singing and performing in many cities and villages around the southern half of Brazil.

Most of the concerts and workshops will take place in churches and schools.

Performing is great but it is not my favorite part of tour. What I am really looking forward to are the home stays, living with host families.

The past two tours I have been on have been in the U.S. and I learned a lot from the families I stayed with. They were all great families and made us feel very at home.

A Brazilian home stay will offer insight into the lives of everyday Brazilians.

We were told to prepare for cold nights; many homes do not have heat.

It's also the little things that contribute to the adventure, eating dinner with another family is always interesting especially in a completely different culture than your own.

As the adventure begins, you can follow me and many other students' May Term travels by reading our blogs on the Global Multicultural Studies Web site.

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NEWS

New choir director announced

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After a nationwide search, Lee Nelson has accepted the position of Wartburg choir director.

Nelson is currently the Director of Chorale Activities at St. Cloud State University. He conducts the SCSU Concert Choir and Chamber Singers.

Wartburg Interim President William Hamm said in a press release,Nelson is "committed to the sacred a cappella repertoire we sing . . . He is committed to our goal of having one of the finest undergraduate choirs in the nation."

Nelson has built the SCSU music program from 68 singers and one vocal education major to 200 singers and more than 50 vocal education majors today.

"He's an extraordinarily gifted young conductor," Hamm said. "The amazing thing is the transformation that he has brought to St. Cloud's music department and choral program in just four years."

Nelson will receive his Doctor of Musical Arts degree from *University of Arizona in May.*

Paul Torkelson, former Wartburg Choir director, resigned in October 2008 after 25 years of service.

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'Big Brother' auditions hit Wartburg campus

Amanda Gahler/*TRUMPET*

Student Jessica Knutson was one of many people who auditioned for "Big Brother" on Saturday in "The W." Each person auditioning had two minutes in to explain why they should be picked to be on the show.

College to have tornado drill this Thursday

Bremer County and the City of Waverly will, weather permitting, test their sirens on Wednesday between 10 and 10:30 a.m.

In order to maximize participation by the campus community, Wartburg College will conduct its own tornado drill on Thursday, April 9, at 11:30 a.m.

For the campus drill on Thursday, the city sirens will not be activated. Instead, notification will be made by WartburgAlert.

Students, faculty, and staff will be notified by college phone, email, and cell phone. This message will emphasize that the event is a drill or test. The message will instruct the recipient to go to the nearest shelter.

Deposits expected to increase

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Iowa residents enrolled at a private college or university in Iowa and are based on financial need.

Coleman said many people were granted extensions on filing taxes because of flooding last year. He said they are waiting to get their tax returns back before filling out financial aid forms, delaying the process four to six weeks.

Coleman thinks the economy is causing people to wait longer to *deposit as well.*

"Because of the economy, people are not depositing at multiple institutions this year. Last year, it was very common for a student to tell us they had deposited at three different schools," he said.

Wartburg requires a $100 deposit. Since deposits are typically non-refundable, students seem to be waiting until they are sure which school they will attend, Coleman said.

Incoming student Shea Kruger considered depositing at Luther and Augstana, but decided not to.

"Wartburg was my first choice and I didn't want to waste the money," Kruger said.

Coleman said he expected the number of deposits to increase.

"I think the positive thing right now is that application numbers are still right where they were in the last couple years," he said.

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Mixed reaction to ruling

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tradition of being ahead of the curve on many different issues. I think that it upholds ideals that Iowans have for equality for everyone," Chris Knudson, Wartburg Alliance adviser, said.

Locally, there was a rally held outside Maucker Union on the University of Northern Iowa campus. An estimated 60 people were in attendance, including 12 Wartburg faculty, staff and students, Knutson said.

"It's the first time I can honestly say I'm really proud to be from Iowa," Wartburg student Tyler Ferrie said. "I am just so excited that Iowa is right in the forefront in leading the way for the rest of the country."

Many people are weighing the legal aspects of the ruling against religious traditions.

"From a church point of view there is a lot of conflict around this, because marriage is defined very specifically in most church campuses between a man and a woman," Rev. Maureen Doherty, an Episcopal priest who has a partner and supports the lifting of the ban, said.

Doherty recognized the discrepancy between her thoughts and those of the church.

"There's a biblical rooting in that. There's tradition in that. There's also the canon law in our churches to that."

Not all are in favor of the state's latest Supreme Court ruling.

"Things are the way they are for a reason. Men and women are created so they can get together, have offspring and repopulate the species as we go along," a Wartburg student who wished to remain anonymous said.

"You cannot see that between men and men, and women and women, because that is not how things were designed, no matter how you think it came about."

The ruling will take effect April 24. It is expected that there will be a large number of couples who will come to Iowa after April 24, because Iowa has no residency requirements for marriage.

Researchers at the University of California at Los Angeles are estimating the state of Iowa could see up to $160 million in marriage and tourism spending over the next three years.

"When you strip the emotional part away, legally they are just simply saying you have to treat everybody the same. The practical effect is any human can marry any other human," Stein said.

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Students to walk 60 miles for a cause

ELLEN KURT *ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR*

"Three days. Sixty miles. One goal." That's what Megan Baker's Facebook status read.

Baker, along with Christine Marchik and Carmen Goedken, will be involved in a walk for breast cancer on Aug. 21-23 in the Twin Cities.

Marchik first noticed this cancer walk and became interested.

"I saw an ad for it on TV a couple weeks ago, and I was really excited. I saw just how powerful it was and thought I really want to do that," Marchik said.

Each of them knows somebody who has suffered from cancer. Marchik has a classmate that was diagnosed with cancer and Goedken's grandmother was recently diagnosed.

"I think a lot of people know someone who has breast cancer. It's becoming more and more common, so when you know someone, you just want to help out," Goedken said.

They have to raise $2,300 each in order to be involved in the walk and are taking names of cancer victims from anyone who is willing to donate $5.

"It was a little intimidating at first, because I looked online and it said you have to raise $2,300. I was like, 'Oh my gosh, per walker?' But just kind of talking to people, it's been really amazing how generous people have been once they hear what you are doing," Marchik said.

Some people have been donating a couple dollars, but others are ready to donate more.

"I told my grandma, and she was all about giving as much as she could and all of her brothers and sisters want to give as much as they can," Goedken said.

Names of people with cancer will be put either on their tent or on their shirts to show just what they are walking for.

The money they raise will go to Susan G. Komen for the Cure and the National Philanthropic Trust Breast Cancer Fund.

During Susan G. Komen's fight, she was doing things for other people and trying to figure out how to make other people's lives better instead of her own. Her sister promised her she would do everything in her power to end breast cancer forever.

She launched the Susan G. Komen for the Cure fund in 1982 and it has grown to be the world's largest and most progressive grassroots network fighting to end breast cancer.

The National Philanthropic Trust Breast Cancer Fund provides support for breast cancer research, treatment, prevention and education.

"It's really kind of exciting to be part of something bigger. It's like why not? There are a lot of breast cancer survivors and people who are a lot less able-bodied than we are doing this," Marchik said.

"It's like, I'm young, I'm healthy, there's no reason why any of us can't or shouldn't do this if we have the ability to."

Goedken is walking to help her grandmother and to make her future brighter.

"My grandma just got diagnosed with cancer about a year ago, and thinking about it, okay, now it's in my family. Technically some time in my future, I could have breast cancer. When you think about that, you just want to do everything possible that you can," Goedken said.

"Just knowing that we're able to make a difference is exciting," Marchik said.

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Jack doesn't stress about the little things

First-year, who was diagnosed with cancer last summer, hopes to return to campus in May Term during break from chemotherapy

TEALA KRAPFL *STAFF WRITER*

It's a Thursday afternoon and while most students are grabbing lunch between classes, Julie Jack just got back on campus from Waterloo where she gets her blood tested each week.

But Jack won't be staying much longer. She has to get back to her home in Independence where she is helping coach a middle school softball team.

Julie Jack

However, the first-year is hoping to return to Wartburg this May.

Last July, Jack was diagnosed with adrenal cortical carcinoma after doctors discovered a nine-inch tumor in her kidney.

Because of that, Jack had to leave her first year of college to battle her cancer with chemotherapy.

"It's scary going through chemo, because you're constantly wondering if you're doing it for nothing," she said.

Rounds of chemo made her tired and she lost some hair from the sides of her head.

But Jack, who is excited her hair is growing back quickly, said losing her hair wasn't even the hardest part.

She said it has been difficult missing out on the social life of college.

About a month into the school year, Jack's doctors discovered the cancer had spread into her lungs. She had to leave Wartburg to begin chemotherapy.

A recent visit to the doctor showed that spots on her lung have shrunk.

But Jack doesn't seem scared. Her spirit reflects the way she has learned to deal with life as a 19-year-old with cancer.

"You just can't freak out," she said. "You can't worry about the little things."

Jack said having cancer has made her rethink things.

"Not a lot bothers me anymore," Jack said. "I used to stress out about small things, but now there's no reason to...at all."

At a recent visit to the doctor, Jack found out she would be able to take a six-week break from chemo treatments.

Jack is excited about the possibility of returning to Wartburg this May.

"It would be great if I could just move on campus, even for just a month," she said.

Jack, a sports and fitness management major, had originally planned on playing for the Wartburg softball team, but had to give it up because of treatment.

However, she has been practicing at home in hopes of getting back into shape.

"It's been really hard to give it up," she said.

The possibility of reuniting with the softball team this May makes Jack want to come back to Wartburg even more.

"Even just to be in the dugout and be around the sport would be great," she added.

Jack may able to return to Wartburg this May when she finds out if her white blood cell count is up.

"Then it's just a matter of finding a room on campus," she said.

Last week, Jack's doctor gave her the option of taking a break from treatment or taking an experimental drug.

Jack said the hardest part of living with cancer is making choices based on the unknown.

"Having to make those decisions and being so young—you don't want to mess up," she said. "I mean, it's your life."

As for the future, Jack said planning is "incredibly hard."

"You can't make future plans," she said. "Everything is one day at a time."

Jack hopes she will be treated like a normal student upon her return to Wartburg.

"You don't want to come back here and be known as 'the girl with cancer,'" she said.

But Jack knows that she will return with a lot of support.

"Wartburg has bent over backwards to help me out in so many situations," she said. "Just to know that people really care is very comforting."

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Website Review
http://www.twitter.com

Tweeting is well worth your time

EMILY SCHMITT *KNIGHTLIFE EDITOR*

Twitter.com was not well known a few months ago, but the Web site has exploded in recent months. People are using Twitter to connect with others in the social world as well as in the corporate world.

According to Nielsen Online, unique Twitter visitors increased 1,382 percent from February 2008 to February 2009.

Twitter is essentially a combination of instant messaging, e-mail, Facebook and text messaging. It's a network of users that follow each other.

The point of Twitter is to answer the question 'What are you doing?' in 140 characters or less. These posts, called "tweets," show up on your followers' walls, letting them know what's going on in your life.

Twitter allows users to search for people and become their followers. Anyone can follow anyone, although it is possible to block people from following you.

Many celebrities tweet on a regular basis, including President Obama.

In addition to people, many organizations and businesses tweet about happenings in their industry. Earlier this month, Forbes urged CEOs and business leaders to use Twitter.

Following the tweets of news organizations is a convenient way to stay up-to-date on local or worldwide news. These tweets consist of a short headline and a link to the full story on the organization's Web site.

But tweeting via the Internet is only the beginning. Because the 140 words of a tweet fit within the SMS 160-character limit, users have the ability to tweet from cell phones. They also have the option to receive text messages alerting them of tweets by the people they are following.

Twitter must be doing something right, even Facebook is following its lead. Facebook recently introduced its new look, which organizes statuses very similar to Twitter.

Twitter provides its users with a snapshot of the latest happenings of their followers. It keeps users informed about current events in real time and allows them to tweet about recent happenings in their own life.

I give Twitter 5 out of 5 stars.

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Castle Singers to tour Brazil

SARAH VAN *STAFF WRITER*

The Castle Singers will be Wartburg's first music group to travel to Brazil when they tour the country during May Term.

Nearly 30 students will be led by Jane Andrews, Castle Singers director and professor of music, and Peter Nash, professor of religion and liberal studies.

Nash lived in Brazil for eight years and speaks fluent Portuguese.

"It'll be good to have him [Nash] along because he's lived in Brazil and really knows the culture," Bailey Meiklejohn said.

The Castle Singers leave from St. Paul, Minn., on April 25, have a layover in Atlanta and arrive in Sao Paulo, Brazil, the next day.

Andrews said a Brazilian tour is not like touring Europe.

"This is totally different," she said. "It's an emerging country."

During the 23-day tour, the Castle Singers will perform eight concerts. Andrews said tickets sold quickly at all venues.

The Castle Singers have been preparing for their tour since the beginning of the school year. During Winter Term, they emphasized learning and rehearsing tour music.

The Castle Singers will perform many genres of music, including traditional jazz, Americana jazz, Portuguese, swing and Latin. They have prepared about three songs in each genre.

Meiklejohn's favorite song is "Girl from Ipanema."

"I think we're singing across the street . . . [or at] the club where the guy saw the girl from Ipanema walk by and where he wrote the song," Meiklejohn said.

The Castle Singers will also present vocal improvisation workshops during the tour.

They have conducted a few jazz workshops and given several performances in preparation for Brazil.

Between concerts and workshops, the Castle Singers will have time to relax and sightsee. They plan to watch a soccer game, tour an immigration museum, sit on the beach and visit one of the largest zoos in Brazil.

"It will be really nice to just experience the culture. Apparently Brazil, as a culture, is really laid back and free spirited," Meiklejohn said.

"I'm also excited to see the [Iguacu Falls] because we're going to be right up in the waterfalls."

Andrews is also looking forward to seeing the Iguacu Falls, similar to Niagara Falls but larger.

"It's an incredibly beautiful place," Andrews said.

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SPORTS

Photo Courtesy of Sports Information

Nevada Morrison leaps into the sand during the long jump Saturday.

Knights' start outdoor season at home meet

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points, just behind University of Wisconsin – La Crosse. The Eagles finished with 195.5 points.

"It gave us a way to see where we are really at. It gives a chance to look at what improvements we need to make. I think we have a long way to go and that is to be expected with the first meet," Newsom said.

The men were led by a string of second place finishes. Brian Chenoweth finished second in the 1500-meter run as he finished with a time of 3:58.33. Also finishing in second place was Russell Harris in the 110-meter hurdles at a time of 15.06. Another second place finish was turned in by Jordan Sathoff in the high jump as he jumped 1.92 meters.

Mike Veendendaal took second in the decathlon as he collected 4399 points.

John Kuckelmen also finished second in the hammer throw at a distance of 50.30 meters.

Finishing out second place finishes was Steven Salinas in the javelin throw at a distance of 56.55 meters.

The men finished the weekend in fifth place with 85.5 points, behind team champions Augustana, UW – La Crosse, St. Thomas and UW – Platteville.

"We need to focus on the conference championship. My mind is focusing on the conference meet. If we don't take care of the conference title, then the national meet won't happen," Newsom said.

Wartburg track and field will lace up their shoes again Friday at the UW – Platteville Invite. The first events start at 3 p.m. Friday.

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Pitching propels Knights to victory

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Luke Shanno/*TRUMPET*

Jerrold Martijn tosses one of his pitches in the Knights' win Friday.

could only muster one run to put the score at 7-2.

A seven-run, five-hit seventh inning secured the win for the Knights. Nagle started the inning for the Knights with a single to left centerfield. Brandon Thurm was hit by a pitch in the next at bat to put runners on first and second. A Rose single up the middle drove in Nagle and advanced Thurm to third.

A fielding error allowed Thurm and Rose to score and Mike Johnson to reach second base. Isiah Stevens singled to left center scoring Johnson. Stevens advanced to second after a Spencer Stumpff single up the middle. In the next at bat, Lewis homered scoring all three, giving the Knights the 14-2 win.

"We just had such a poor start in the conference season, and some of it was offense-oriented, we just weren't scoring runs, so it was nice to see a couple of those positive innings. I think it's something that will carry us forward," Holst said.

Jake Kuennen came away with the win for the Knights, putting his record at 2-2. He pitched six innings, allowing two earned runs.

Rose finished the game with a game-high four RBIs, while Lewis and Martijn each finished the game with three.

On Friday, the Knights topped the Norse 3-1 and 3-0.

In game one, the Knights started scoring off in the bottom of the second inning. Kyle Jones and Lewis were both walked as the second and third batters of the inning. A Norse throwing error advanced Lewis to third and Jones across home plate. Lewis scored for the Knights after stealing home, putting the Knights up 2-0.

The Norse put one run on the board in the sixth inning, but the Knights answered in the bottom of the sixth. Grau tripled and scored on a Jones sacrifice fly.

Martijn brought his unblemished record to 6-0 with the win, pitching all seven innings for the Knights. He struck out 10 and only allowed one run in the win.

"[Martijn] has done a great job for us from the beginning of the season. He does a great job of mixing his pitches and he is truly able to do a super job of basically dominating most of the teams we've played this year," Holst said.

The Knights continued their scoring in the second game of the evening. Scoring started in the third inning as Rose crossed the plate on a Schmitt single to left field.

The final two runs of the game came in the sixth inning for the Knights. Jones walked in the second at bat of the inning for the Knights. Lewis singled up the middle in the next at bat advancing pinch runner Tyler Wright. Both Lewis and Wright scored on a Martijn triple to right center.

The Norse looked to come back in the bottom of the seventh inning, but weren't able to capitalize as they finished the inning with three runners left on base.

Brad Watson got the win for the Knights on the mound, pitching seven complete innings, striking out six.

"Watson pitched extremely well Friday night. We've seen times where he's been pretty dominant … but he put together a complete game for us Friday," Holst said.

Martijn finished with a game-high two RBIs.

The wins brought the Knights record to 5-4 in IIAC play and 13-11 overall. The Knights will resume Iowa Conference action this weekend, traveling to Mount Vernon to take on Cornell. First pitch with the Rams is set for 6 p.m. at Friday.

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What's next, signs at Knights' ball games?

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But back to sports. How long will it be before we head to will it be before we head to Hertel or Lynes Field and we are greeted with a billboard warning us of flying balls and bats? How long until we see warnings at soccer games to watch out for stray balls? Maybe swim meets need warnings that the people standing next to the pool have the potential to get wet.

It's the halfway intelligent people who suffer in this world. We should assume that everyone is walking around with half a brain and therefore have to tell them everything that can and can't be done. Half the time people are going to ignore the rules anyway.

Rewarding stupidity is a somewhat serious problem. If we award money to people who don't have the sense to figure something out on there own, then the wrong people are getting money. Let's not strive to be independent thinkers, but rather let's try to find the stupid way of making a buck, then let the rest of the world be treated like idiots because of it.

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Sports Brief

Wartburg Ultimate wins tournament

The Wartburg Ultimate Frisbee team won their first team tournament title over the weekend at the Coe Invitational. En route to their championship, the team had to beat Coe and Clinton Community College.

Women's tennis drops match to Central

The Wartburg women's tennis team dropped a match Wednesday to Central 6-3. The Knights got wins from Molly Eslick and Emily Heying. Eslick and Leanna Nelson teamed up to win at No. 1 doubles in the match.

Men's tennis finishes weekend 2-0

The Wartburg men's tennis team topped Morningside College 7-2 and Buena Vista 6-3 Saturday in Storm Lake. The Knights are 3-0 in IIAC play.

Women's golf finishes in fourth at home invitational

The Wartburg women's golf team finished in fourth place Saturday. They were led by Kate Thompson's 80. The Knights are currently ranked fourth in Div. III.

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Softball claims top conference spot after 4-0 week

SETH DRURY *ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR*

The Wartburg softball team topped Loras College Saturday, 8-0 and 4-2. The Knights also beat Simpson 3-0 and 4-2 earlier in the week to cap a perfect 4-0 stretch.

In the first game of two against the Duhawks on Saturday, Lexy Determan took the mound looking for win number 11 on the season.

In the bottom of the first the bases were loaded as Emily Braem approached the plate. In her next at bat she singled to left and scored two runs. A third walk in the inning loaded the bases again. Determan gave herself some insurance runs with a single down the right field line, knocking in two runs.

The offense continued for the Knights in the second inning as the Knights drew two walks, which led to a two-run single by Tina Vande Hoef.

On the mound, Determan continued to sit-down Loras batters as she gave up one walk, one hit and struck out 11 in five innings.

"Lexy has had a lot of solid outings. She pitched great against Loras as well and it has been nice to see her get on a roll throughout this past week and coming into this week," head coach Kara Kehe said.

Wartburg extended their lead in the fourth inning as Daniels singled to second and was brought home by Vande Hoef who crushed a homer to centerfield to make the score 8-0.

Determan closed out the fifth and the Knights ended the game early winning 8-0.

The second game featured Angela Hartwig on the mound for the Knights.

Wartburg started scoring in the third inning with a Daniels walk. Vande Hoef followed with a single up the middle. A walk loaded the bases and a wild pitch scored Daniels to tie the game at one.

The next run would come in the bottom of the fifth inning. Paige Gerstner started the inning with a single. Two batters later, Beth Schaufenbuel doubled to score Gerstner and make the score 2-1.

In the top of the seventh, Loras pushed across one run to tie the game at two on a double followed by a wild pitch.

"Paige Gerstner had three hits to lead off innings in the second game against Loras and twice those went on to produce runs. I thought it was a great effort on her part and then to have each person execute from there, to push a runner across in the seventh. It really showed their composure that our student-athletes have," Kehe said.

In the top of the inning, Gerstner continued her successful day at the plate with a double to start the inning. Braem singled and advanced to second on the throw pushing pinch runner Leane Yoder to third. An error by the centerfielder allowed Yoder to score and the Knights to win 3-2.

Mac Slavin/*TRUMPET*

Lynn Heitkamp slides into second base ahead of the throw against Simpson on Wednesday for one of her two hits.

Hartwig threw seven innings, giving up two runs on three hits and striking out 11. The win improved her record to 12-2 and moved the Knights to 24-2 overall and 5-1 in the Iowa Conference.

"Angela Hartwig did a fantastic job containing the Loras offense as well as she was double digits in strikeouts. It is a big week for us, having three conference doubleheaders and we come out with a 5-1 record," Kehe said.

Earlier in the week, the Knights squared off against Simpson College at Lynes Field in a doubleheader. In the first game, Determan threw a one-hit complete game shutout. The Knights managed to score a single run in the final three innings to close out the game 3-0. Offensively for the Knights, Lynn Heitkamp and Schaufenbuel both went 2-for-3 at the plate.

"Simpson has a very good team, you take a look at their record, they are another Iowa Conference team with 20 wins. Year in and year out they are a program who plays competitively, so picking up a doubleheader sweep against them is a pretty big boost," Kehe said.

The second game was a close one as well. Hartwig worked the mound for Wartburg tossing a complete game, giving up two runs on four hits.

The Storm scored one run in the third and seventh innings while the Knights put up two runs in the third and the sixth. Heitkamp led the way for the Knights as she went 2-2 with a double and a home run.

The Knights won the second game of the doubleheader 4-2.

Wartburg travels to Central Tuesday to take on the Dutch, then play host to North Central (Minn.) on Thursday and end the week in Storm Lake to face the Beavers of Buena Vista on Saturday.

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Wartburg soccer teams head to Germany for competition

EMILY VAN OOSBREE *STAFF WRITER*

The Wartburg men's and women's soccer teams will be traveling to Germany from April 18 to April 26 for Tour Week break.

The trip happens every three years, so that each grade has the chance to go during their four years at Wartburg.

It is not required to go for the team, but a large number of the team takes advantage of the opportunity. This year, nine men and 11 women will go.

T.J. Buchholz

While in Germany, the team will tour the country visiting cathedrals, famous war sites and the Wartburg Castle in Eisenach.

Head soccer coach T.J. Buchholz said that many people are excited to see the castle and other sites around the country.

"It is nice to be able to tie our trip in with Wartburg. It helps us correlate with the college while we are there," Buccholz said.

The team's tour will begin in Dusseldorf, Germany. From there the team will depart to Valkenburg, Holland, for a night.

They will then travel back to Germany through Kassel, Eisenach, Heidelberg and then back to Dusseldorf.

The teams will also be playing in three games against local German club teams. The games will be mostly for fun and social interaction between players in a different country.

After the games, the German teams have set up socials so the Wartburg team has a chance to meet people in a non-soccer setting.

"It is good for the team to be able to meet people outside of our tour guide because then they can get a feel for what people are really like in Germany," Buchholz said.

Lauren Thomas said that she thinks the trip is an awesome opportunity.

"Soccer is such a huge part of their culture in Germany and in Europe," she said, "We get to experience a different country while seeing how soccer is played there."

The teams will depart for Germany after finals week and be back in time to partake in May Term classes.

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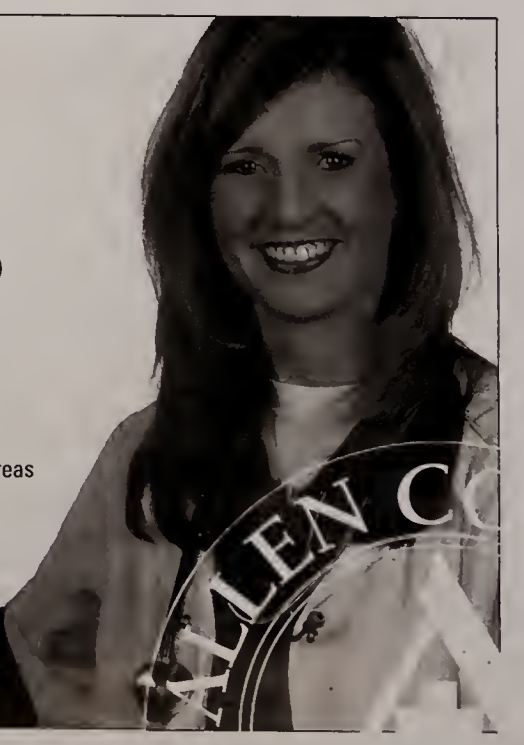

TRUMPET SPORTS

Knights finish week 4-0

Knights top Duhawks and Simpson to gain top spot in conference

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Upcoming Schedule

Tuesday - Softball @ Central @ 3 p.m.
Friday - Baseball @ Cornell @ 6 p.m.
Track and Field @ UW - Platteville @ 3 p.m.
Saturday - Men's Tennis @ Luther
(Luther & St. Thomas) @ TBA
Women's Tennis @ Luther
(Luther & St. Thomas) @ TBA
Men's Golf @ Wartburg Invitational

Knights top Norse in weekend series

MAC SLAVIN *SPORTS EDITOR*

The Wartburg baseball team swept the Luther Norse in three games this weekend, winning Friday 3-1 and 3-0 and Saturday 14-2.

"We played a lot better, our pitching is very strong. This is something that needed to happen for us, so it was a very positive weekend," head coach Joel Holst said.

Saturday, the Knights topped the previously undefeated Norse, 14-2 in seven innings.

The Norse were on the board first with a one-run, two-hit first inning.

The Knights answered with a two-run bottom of the second and held the lead through the entire game.

A.J. Lewis started things off for the Knights as he reached first base on a fielding error. Jerrold Martijn advanced Lewis to third on a double to left field. A Zach Nagle groundout scored Lewis to tie the game at one. Danny Rose reached first on a fielder's choice, which brought in Martijn to make the score 2-0.

In the bottom of the fifth, the Knights resumed their scoring. Billy Schmitt led off for the Knights with a walk. After Schmitt's walk, Patrick Grau was hit by a pitch putting him on base. Lewis loaded the bases after being walked.

A Martijn double to left center field brought all three base runners in to put the Knights up 5-1. A fielding error allowed Nagle to advance to second during the next at bat, and Martijn to move to third. Danny Rose singled to left field, driving in Nagle and Martijn, as the Knights finished the inning up 7-1.

"We haven't had innings like that to begin the conference season, and we are hoping some of the confidence can carry through the rest of the season," Holst said.

The Norse looked to come back in the top of the sixth as they scored on a wild pitch, but the

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Luke Shanno/*TRUMPET*

Danny Rose tries to throw a runner out at first base in the Knights' 3-1 win over Luther on Saturday.

Should we reward the stupid?

FROM THE BULLPEN

PAM RODGERS *STAFF WRITER*

It is my belief that in this country we reward stupid. This may be a harsh belief but I have several examples to back up my statement.

Anytime we as a country have to put something in writing that should be obvious, should not be done, unless of course we continue to reward stupid.

Here's an example in sports. Before every major league baseball game the announcer has to warn the audience that balls and bats may fly into the stands, so be warned. They think it so important that it's printed on the back of every ticket.

Well, while warning the audience may be a genuine concern, do you really need to announce it like it's news? I mean come on. If you go to a baseball game and don't know a ball can fly into the stands, then I suggest you find other means of entertainment.

We reward idiots in the world who need every dangerous possibility read to them otherwise they will sue, and they will win.

An example of this comes from Americans' favorite dining spot, McDonald's. This is an oldie but a goody. Some lady bought a cup of coffee and instead of putting it in her cup holder, she placed it between her legs. When she tried to turn, low and behold, it spilled on her legs. It was hot and it burned.

She sued McDonalds for having the nerve to serve her hot coffee, and she won millions. Now on every cup of coffee they serve the have to print a disclaimer: "Caution: I'm Hot." Really? I didn't realize when I ordered hot coffee in the morning that they would serve it too me fresh out of the pot when it was steaming hot. Next time, let it cool a little bit and almost be cold. That will give people something else to complain about.

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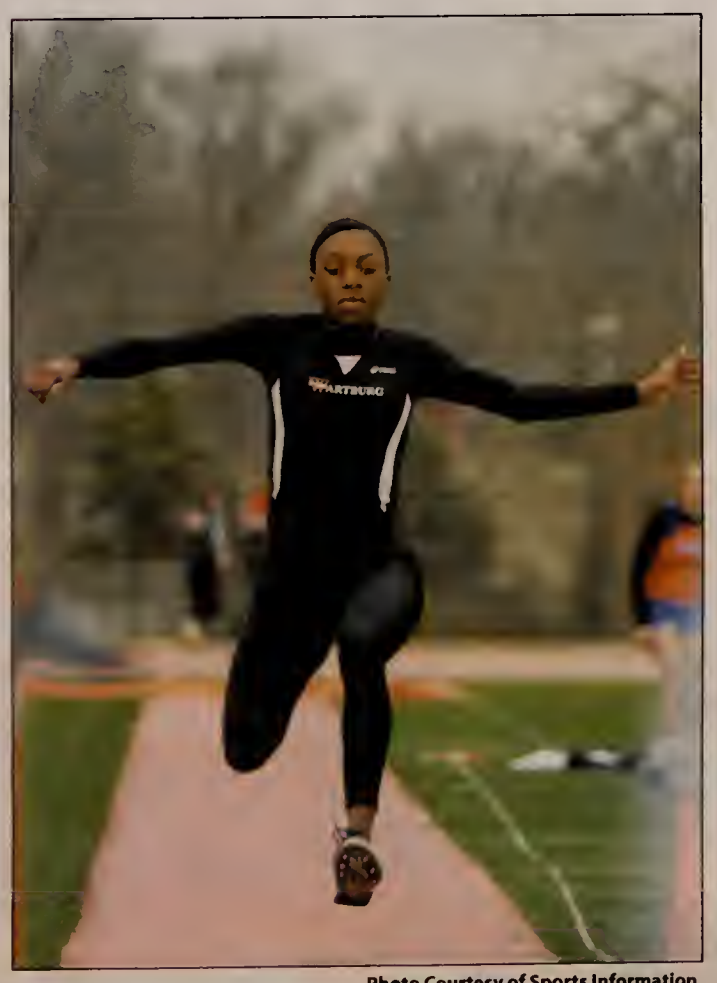
Women finish in second at home meet



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Akeya Aimable completes one of her jumps during the Wartburg Select.

ERIC THIELE *STAFF WRITER*

The Wartburg track and field teams came in second place in the women's competition and fifth place in the men's competition at the Wartburg Select Meet on Saturday.

"We performed very well due to the type of conditions. I was very, very proud of them this weekend," head coach Marcus Newsom said.

The women were led by several first-place finishes in the field events. The first of those was Amber Axon, who won the high jump with a jump of 1.57 meters. Alicia Ford was part of a three-way tie for fifth as she jumped 1.45 meters.

In the long jump, Skye Morrison finished first with a jump of 5.26 meters. The Knights' Megan Baker came in fifth place with a jump of 4.70 meters.

Then in the triple jump, the women were able to capture three top-10 finishes as they took first, third and sixth by Akeya Aimable, Skye Morrison and Megan Baker respectively. Aimable had a jump of 11.05 meters to win the event.

The shot put saw Sarah Hoffman take home the title with a throw of 13.12 meters, just narrowly beating out Christy Bohl from the University of Wisconsin - La Crosse.

The Knights were also able to take second-place finishes from Faith Burt in the 400-meter run with a time of 58.08 and in the 800-meter run by Amanda Kuiken with a time of 2:17.02.

In the javelin, the women took home three top-five finishes as Hanne Wuertz finished in second place, Heidi Bursch in fourth and Rachael Andresen finished fifth.

The Knights' relay teams took home one-two finishes in the 4x100-meter relay as the 'B' team took home first place. The 'A' team came home second place. This came down to the wire as the 'B' team finished with a time of 47.75, while the 'A' team finished at 47.84.

In the 4x400-meter relay, the Knights once again took home a one-two finish. The 'B' team came away with a narrow win from the 'A' team as they finished first with a time of 3:56.75 while the 'A' team came in at 3:57.36.

The women finished in second place overall at the meet with 193

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